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COMMISSIONERS INVITE CITIZENS TO JOIN SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners yesterday approved a resolution to establish a Sustainability Commission as a fundamental component of the county's environmental sustainability program. They urged interested citizens to apply to serve on the new commission.

The commission will encourage a community-wide commitment to making substantial contributions toward reduced use of non-renewable energy, water conservation, implementation of green building practices, waste reduction, development of green jobs and protection of the county's agricultural and natural resources. The commissioners are seeking citizens to join the commission who are interested in evaluating, promoting and advancing issues related to the long-term environmental, social and economic health of the county.

Board President Jan Gardner said, "We are looking forward to the recommendations, research and special projects that will result from this new Sustainability Commission. The board understands that long-term sustainability is not achievable without the investment and collaborative spirit of residents, businesses, schools, volunteer groups, nonprofits and government agencies."

The commission, which will be comprised of 13 members appointed by the county commissioners, will guide the development of the county's sustainability plan and encourage community action with regard to sustainable living. Appointees will represent a balanced range of interests, including the nonprofit, academic and private sectors, and must have professional affiliation or expertise in a range of issue areas. Additionally, appointees must be residents of the county and registered voters.

Members will serve for a three-year term and may be reappointed by the board for one subsequent three-year term. The first round of appointees will serve staggered terms. Meetings will be held on a monthly basis.

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Individuals interested in applying are asked to submit a letter of interest and a resume by regular mail to Administrative Officer Joyce Grossnickle, Office of the County Manager, Winchester Hall, 12 East Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701 or via e-mail to fcgboards@fredco-md.net. Mrs. Grossnickle may also be reached at 301-600-1102.

All applications must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20. The Office of the County Manager does not accept facsimiles of letters of interest and resumes.

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For more information about the commission, contact Director Hilari Varnadore, Office of Environmental Sustainability, at 301-600-7414 or via e-mail at hvarnadore@fredco-md.net.

To view the resolution approved by the county commissioners or for other details about sustainability, visit www.co.frederick.md.us/sustainability.

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